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***Keeping in Touch***-----This morning I was reading an “EXTRA” addition of the “Kitchener Daily Record” dated May 7, 1945.

The weather, — “Cloudy and somewhat warmer Tuesday “

The price for the paper is - Three Cents.

The headline — “NAZIS SURRENDER”

Reading the news, articles and ads, I came upon a photo of a young boy, hair nicely combed and all smiles with a headline, which read

“Now, He Faces the Future - - -UNAFRAID” along with the following copy.

“Tonight, the lights are shining again from the windows of every city and hamlet in Europe. They have not been completely out during these terrible years of grief and strife, just dimmed, for in the breast of free people a white shining light burns ever brightly, waiting for the hour when darkness is no more.

This nation can be rightly proud that she has helped liberate these peoples, that they can now live without fear of oppression. Let us resolve to continue the fight until the lights are shining brightly from every land in the world. And when the final peace is written, let us make sure that such destruction of civilization can never again be.

All nations must be free where the children of this and later generations can face the future unafraid.”

To those of our members who served, we express our gratitude.

***Clare Musselman, President***

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‘When you meet someone better than yourself, turn your thoughts to becoming his equal. When you meet someone not as good as you are, look within and examine your own self.  
--Confucius

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### **“KITCHEN KORNER”**

#### **RHUBARB MERINGUE PIE A Spring Tonic**

This is rhubarb pie deluxe.

Pastry for a 9-inch pie, fairly deep, single crust

2 eggs, separated

Cinnamon

2 tablespoons flour

2 or 3 cups cut-up rhubarb

3 tablespoons water

Boiling water to blanch the Rhubarb

1 cup sugar

3 or 4 tablespoons butter, melted

Get the pink or red rhubarb if you can—it’s supposed to taste better and it certainly looks prettier. Cut the rhubarb stalks into 3 lengths; if the stalks are exceptionally fat you might split them. Measure the rhubarb into the pie plate so you’ll know you have cut up enough to fill it. In a dish, scald the rhubarb with boiling water and let it stand in the water for 15 minutes (this is supposed to make it less acid or something equally beneficial—it also takes away some of the lovely pink colour). Drain the water off the rhubarb.

In a bowl, blend the melted butter with the sugar and flour; add the 3 tablespoons of water and the beaten egg yolks—the mixture should be smooth and runny. Spread the rhubarb in the pie shell and pour the sauce over it. Sprinkle it with cinnamon. Bake the pie at 425 degrees for 15 minutes, then at 325 degrees for about half an hour longer—or until the rhubarb is soft, the custard set, and the pastry golden. Make a meringue of the egg whites: beat the whites, add 3 tablespoons granulated sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar while you’re beating. Spread it over the pie not too long before you are ready to serve it and either brown the top under the broiler, watching it every minute, or put it into the oven for 12 minutes at 325 degrees. Now share the pie and bask in the compliments that will be coming your way.

*TOPICAL TOPICS*      *Dr. SUESS on GOMERY*

He sat on his chair, at his desk in his room,  
In the camera he looked, with his face full of gloom.  
This wasn't a time of crisis or war.  
It was about men stealing, then stealing some more.  
Please forgive me, he said, I made a mistake  
But the Canucklings all sighed, and said give us a break  
Their leader went on, like a desperate man would,  
To win back respect, he'd say whatever he could.  
I plead and I beg you, please give me more time,  
Then you will see, this wasn't my crime.  
The Canucklings were stunned, and they listened in shock.  
Who was this man, who delivered such schlock?  
But their leader went on, he had more to say,  
I ended this program, on my very first day.  
But how, on his first day, could he get this thing handled,  
When he said all along, he knew not of the scandal?  
The mess was the fault of that guy Jean Poutine,  
When he was your leader, the scam was routine.  
I did not know, those men stealing millions,  
Millions and millions and zillions and gajillions.  
But the leader back then, ran the Canucklings finance,  
To not know he must have had his head in his pants.  
I had no idea, not even a hunch  
Then who was that guy, with whom you had lunch?  
The inquiry was called, and it was called for by me,  
So let Gomery finish, then you will see.  
If so much as a dollar, has found its own way,  
To the Liberal Party, then we will repay.  
But the Canucklings all laughed, and they joked and they sneered,  
Their leader was even more desperate than feared.

Don't call an election, I ask you again,  
 Let me clean this mess up, and you will see then,  
 Let Gomery weave his way through this maze,  
 Then I promise you can vote within 30 days.  
 They all laughed so hard, they fell on their backs,  
 Their leader begged for time to cover his tracks.  
 I've done so much, he said, for whistleblower protection  
 But the leader can't make a bullet change its direction.  
 When he finished his speech, he looked rather sorry,  
 It was a beautiful sight, if you were a Tory.  
 Harper said he'd never seen a spectacle so sad,  
 But was it enough to get Canucklings all mad?  
 Some of the Canucklings still stood by their leader,  
 Despite all the claims that he was a cheater,  
 There were no other leaders, they exhausted their search,  
 And Harper, he scared them, because he went to church.  
 So they stood by their leader, despite the big scam,  
 And vowed to forgive, for his part in the plan.  
 The corruption might come to an end rather soon,  
 Especially if there's an election in June.  
 If this story should ever end, and then begin again,  
 It might well take place in a jail in Shawinigan.  
 To quote George Orwell, if we all had our druthers,  
 All pigs are equal, but some more equal than others.

**INTERESTING INTERNET SITES**

[www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books](http://www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books) *20,000 free books current to classical*

[www.cbc.ca/archives](http://www.cbc.ca/archives) *very interesting CBC site*

[www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com) *Northumberland Probus Clubs website*

[www.cramahetownship.ca](http://www.cramahetownship.ca) *self explanatory*



## ACTIVITIES

**Bingo**— Every Wednesday Night at 6:15 PM at the Keeler Centre, Colborne.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Apple Blossom Tyme** -----visit the Colborne Horticultural clubs booth in the park from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Free draw for prizes every ½ hour. Donations accepted.

**May 28/29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Colborne Apple Blossom Tyme Festival** The fun starts at 9 AM, All day music, craft booths, rides for the kids, Double Decker bus and many more fun things to do..... Victoria Square and the Keeler Centre are event focal points.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Colborne Horticultural Club** flower show and tea , 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church hall Colborne.

## UPCOMING COLBORNE PROBUS EVENTS

Our thanks to Eileen Milley and crew for a great mystery evening and for being a terrific hostess.

**June 23rd, 2005**, Rice Lake Boat cruise. Details to follow.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 2005** Colborne Probus club picnic at McKinney's farm. Details to follow

**August 2005** Six Northumberland Probus Clubs picnic at Roseneath Fairgrounds . tickets available from Shirley Ross. Details to follow

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005** Saturday Car Rally.. A joint Colborne Probus /Rotary get together. Details to follow

**Remember the Muskoka Rendezvous (Probus Convention) September 27 to Sept 29<sup>th</sup>** in Huntsville Ontario. See Shirley Ross or Clare Musselman for registration forms.

## POINTS TO PONDER

### WIT & WISDOM

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it.

So I said, "Implants?" She hit me.

I don't do drugs. I get the same effect just standing up fast.

I live in my own little world. But it's OK. They all know me here.

I got a sweater for Christmas. I really wanted a screamer or a moaner.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

I don't approve of political jokes. I've seen too many of them get elected.

I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

I am a nobody, and nobody is perfect; therefore, I am perfect.

Everyday I beat my own previous record for number of consecutive days I've stayed alive.

Isn't having a smoking section in a restaurant like having a peeing section in a swimming pool?

Why is it that most nudists are people you don't want to see naked?

Snowmen fall from Heaven unassembled.

The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found

This recipe is certainly silly. It says to separate two eggs, but it doesn't say how far to separate them.

I told my doctor I get very tired when I go on a diet, so he gave me pep pills. Know what happened? I ate faster.

Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.

### **PROBUS Club of COLBORNE**

#### **Calendar of Meeting Dates and Guest Speakers 2005**

**Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Keeler Centre the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 am to Noon. The socializing starts at 9:30, the actual meeting starts at 10:00 AM.**

**Our thanks to one of our members, Doug Galt for a great talk on the Northumberland Land Trust.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005** Paul and Colleen Watson will be talking about the beekeeping business and the effects of world wide competition on the business.

Audrey Shewan will be sharing her hobby of rug hooking with us.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005** Jim Lawrence from the Outdoor Alliance will be talking to us about the mission and objectives of this organization,

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005** we will have speakers on Genealogy and the Rural Ramble.

Many more interesting speakers are in the plan and we'll hear from our own members about some fascinating hobbies such as, woodworking, gourmet cooking, plus much more.

Guest speakers are subject to change due to weather and other considerations.

**OTHER PROBUS CLUBS MEETING DATES**

**Cobourg Probus** (1st & 3rd Thurs @ Best Western, Cobourg)

**Northumberland Probus** (2nd & 4th Thurs @ Best Western, Cobourg)

**North Shore Probus** (1st & 3rd Wed @ Best Western, Cobourg)

**Port Hope Probus** (1st & 3rd Tues at the Lions Centre)

**Brighton Probus** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Wed at Brighton Legion)

**Belleville Probus** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Thurs at the Ramada, Belleville)

**Quinte Probus** (1st & 3rd Thurs at the Ramada, Belleville)

This newsletter is published monthly and sent to all who have an e-mail address. Paper copies will be posted to the other members. **Meeting dates** – the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 AM

**OTHER PROBUS CLUBS Newsletters** outlining speakers and events are found in the Blue Binder on the events table, for your perusal and enjoyment

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Newsletter Content** members are encouraged to submit articles or humorous material to the editor. We are always on the look out for interesting and topical material for our newsletter. Articles about local items of interest are particularly welcome.

**WHEN WILL IT BLOSSOM?**

**50/50 DRAW**

**CONTEST RUNS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

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**WINNER ANNOUNCED MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES KELLER CENTRE 9 PM**

GUESS THE DATE THE FIRST APPLE BLOSSOM BLOOMS.

EACH GUESS COSTS \$1, GUESS AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH.

CORRECT GUESS WINS, IN THE EVENT OF A TIE A DRAW WILL DETERMINE THE WINNER.

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT COLBORNE CRAMAHE APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Tickets available from Clare Musselman.